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WHIFFS FROM THE OLD SPORT PIPE

BY
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POOR Connie Mack! He's not going to have any pitchers this season. At least that is the word being passed out by the scribes at the Athletics' training camp at Jacksonville, Fla.

They told the same story last season, putting all of Mack's pitchers but Bender and Plank in the "impossible" class. They said that with only the Indian and the southpaw working, Mack's team might blow up in the spring.

Mack had those two sterling youngsters, Shawkey and Bush working for him, but neither was considered. But these two lads did their share to put the Mackmen far enough ahead to keep the others from catching up.

Bender, Plank, Shawkey and Bush are expected to be the big four of the Athletics staff this season. Connie also has a horde of youngsters from whom he may be able to pick another hurrier or two.

It is always wise to speak of that \$100,000 Mack infirmed in the same breath with Connie's pitching staff. No other pitching staff in the league has as great a quartet of players backing it up. When that crew is working in the field and at bat a pitcher's value is increased 50 per cent. And then there's that outfield, Strunk himself, its off a dozen hits every week and his two sidekicks do efficient work.

Therefore, when you begin to figure on Connie Mack's pitching staff, don't overlook Melins, Collins, Barry and Macer; Murphy, Strunk and Oldring; and that wonderful young backstop, Wally Schang. With that cluster of stars backing them up, almost any set of pitchers should be able to keep the Mackmen in the running.

THERE has been considerable argument in this country of late about the boxing rules, especially regarding the clean breaks, etc. Different interpretations are given by referees and boxing commissions regarding the same, and as a result the boxers are mixed at times as to what rule to follow. The same trouble has been experienced in England, the home of boxing, and in speaking of the matter, Mr. Dyer, the English ring authority, writes as follows:

"The rules governing boxing are by no means clear on many points, a great deal, perhaps too much, being left to the discretion of the third man in the ring. Especially is this the case with the much-disputed question of breaks and infighting. American and British ideas are totally at variance on the point, though it must be said that the American style of boxing is becoming more and more the fashion with our leading glove artists.

"The Queensberry rules contain nothing regulating what is known here as the clean break, and a boxer is perfectly justified in delivering a blow coming from a clinch. It may not look pretty, and to some people is not strictly fair play, but the absence of any official ruling opens the door to many abuses by both boxers and referees.

"A case in point was the bout last Monday between Kid Lewis and Paul Tili for the weatherweight title of Europe. The boys agreed to box under National Sporting Club rules, which

PORTUGUESE AND CHINESE TO TRY BASEBALL SKILL

The Chinese Athletic Union's All-Chinese team, that will probably enter the Oahu league, will have an opportunity to show what they can do on the ball field on the 29th, which will be a week from next Sunday. They are scheduled to play an exhibition game with Manager Paresa's Portuguese team on that date. Paresa will have none but Portuguese players on the field, according to announcement. The game will take place at Athletic park.

Most of the lately organized All-Chinese team members were former players of the team bearing the same name which is on its third tour and are well down to all the tricks in baseball. Lai Tin, perhaps the best third baseman Hawaii has ever known, will captain this new aggregation.

Although the lineup of the C. A. U. team has not yet been given out, it will probably be made up of as follows: Ah Toon, c; Luck Yee, p; Hoon Cheong, 1b; Ah Lee, 2b; Alex Asam or Hoon Ki, 3b; Lai Tin, ss; and Lang Akana, Kam Fat and Yen Chin, fielders. Akai Luke, Tin Yen and John Akana will be subs. The latter was a former pitcher of the C. A. U. team and will be ready to get in the box when it is necessary.

This will probably be the last game until the grounds are repaired and there will be no baseball for several months to come at Athletic park.

DR. ROLLER, SEATTLE WRESTLER, MAY COME

Rumor has it that Dr. Benjamin F. Roller, the Seattle wrestler, is coming to Honolulu in about a month, to spend some time here. Roller came to Hawaii about six years ago and stayed in this city several months, eventually returning to the coast with Peter Baron to act as his trainer. Roller failed to live up to his financial agreement with the local man, who returned thoroughly disgusted with the whole proposition. The Seattle medico is one of the best-known grapplers in the country, and has been the central figure in a whole string of "ball outs" of fake wrestling bouts. It is said that he is now coming to Honolulu to rest and recuperate.

The story hour for children at the library of Hawaii will be held this afternoon, commencing at 3 o'clock. All children interested in stories are invited to be present.

are like the Queensberry and contain no reference to hitting in the breakaway. The French boy had been given to understand that English referees were strict in their interpretation of the rules and was warned by his advisers not to hit on the breakaway.

"That he clinched a great deal more than was necessary is true, but he did not bargain for Lewis banging home stiff uppercuts every time he got an opportunity as Tili broke clean. This went on for several rounds before the French boy got wise to the fact that the referee considered it a legitimate part of the business, and then he started the same game.

"Now, at the National Sporting Club the leading official will sternly reprimand and disqualify any boxer persisting in hitting on the breakaway. It will be seen that something ought to be done to rectify the rules on this point, especially as, even in this country, which fathered the boxing game, there is such a diversity of opinion amongst the referees."

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SAILOR FRITZ

Sailor Fred Fritz, heavyweight pugilistic champion of the United States navy, has made a successful debut into the professional ranks. Like Gunboat Smith, Fritz is only a light heavyweight, weighing in the neighborhood of 175 pounds, but he carries a punch in either hand which when it connects never fails to drop his opponent. Fritz's recent victories over Jack Connors and Soldier Kearns, both of whom he defeated in masterful style, places him in the front ranks of the heavies.

KAM CADETS WIN CLASS A; ST. LOUIS TIES WITH IOLANI

An unfortunate accident to Watt, the Punahou athlete, who broke his arm owing to a faulty landing in the high jump, was the only incident to mar the Grammar school track meet yesterday afternoon. There were over 100 boys, representing nine schools, gathered on Alexander Field to compete, and although there were four or five heats in some races, and the meet was not through until dark, every event run off was close and exciting, and the crowd of youngsters that gathered on the upper side of the field had the time of their lives.

Peter Wright of Kamehameha proved the star performer of the afternoon when he won the 880-yard event in record-breaking time and the high jump, also breaking the record in this event. On the first day of the meet, Monday, Wright won the 440-yard run in 60 flat. By winning three first places Wright won the most points won by any individual, either in Class A or Class B. Many considered it extraordinary for the same man to break the record in both the high jump and half-mile in one day but at the end of the 880-yard run Wright had a lot left in him and was able to put that into his jumping event.

Class A, for boys over 100 pounds, was a walk-away for the Kams, whose final score was 74½. Their closest rival, St. Louis, was 63 points behind, having 11½, while the only other schools that managed to get in a point in this class were Kaahumanu, which took 5, and Punahou, whose final score was 3. In every event except the shot-put the cadets won three out of the four places and a Kam man took the initial position in all the runs and jumps except the broad jump, which was won by Kui Pong of Kaahumanu.

The cadets who ran were noticeably larger than the other boys and a number of those who took part in this meet ran for the same school in the recent Cornell meet. In all events of Class A the other schools did not have a look-in, and this was probably due to the fact that the cadets were generally huskier and better built. Certain of the spectators were surprised to learn that these men who ran in the Cornell meet were allowed to compete in the Grammar school event also and others who were well acquainted with the situation claimed that some action will be taken soon to prevent this running for two teams.

The 100-yard and the 220-yard dashes were both won by Dower of Kamehameha, with Simeona of the same institution second.

St. Louis took third in the two sprints and was the only school besides Kamehameha that took a point from these races.

When Peter Wright covered the 440 Monday afternoon in 60 seconds he crossed this tape an easy winner. He proved his distance prowess again in the 880-yard run when he broke the record by 5.15 seconds, making 2:15.45. Again did the cadets make a clean sweep and they won every place in both runs except the third position in the half mile, which was won by Dyson of Central Grammar.

In the pole vault and the high jump the cadets took the first three places again, Peterson of Punahou taking fourth in the pole event, and Christian of St. Louis capturing fourth in the high jump. Wright won the high jump by clearing the bar at 5 feet 10 inches, another grammar school record.

Kul Pong of Kaahumanu finally broke the Kams' list of first places by taking the initial position in the broad jump. He jumped well and had to cover 18 feet to beat the three cadets who took the next three places. It was Kamehameha again in the shot-put, for Ione took the first place and the third; Simeon of St. Louis took second and Wright of Punahou fourth.

The relay was one of the best races of the afternoon and with a large part of the best sprinters on their team, Kamehameha was able to win once more.

When the scorer made his final count of the Class B runs and jumps, Iolani and St. Louis stood tied, with 21 each. Kailani won third place with 15, while Central Grammar stood in the next place with 4; Punahou won 1 point.

Murakami of Kailani won the greatest number of points by taking the first place in the 220 and 50-yard dashes, and second in the 100-yard run. Murakami was the only man on the Kailani team that won a place and it was through him that school was brought into second place.

The points in the Class B runs were evenly divided and every event was closely contested. "Honey" Auerbach won the only points for Central Grammar by taking second place in the high jump, and Watt took the only point for Punahou by coming through in fourth place in the same event.

In landing from one of his last jumps Watt landed in such a way that he broke his arm. He was immediately rushed to town, where he received medical attendance.

On the St. Louis team, Ting Poy and Fernandez were responsible for a good number of points. Both men were strong in the sprints, the former winning the 100-yard dash.

The tie between St. Louis and Iolani was brought about when the latter won the 400-yard military relay. A number of times those who ran dropped the sticks and in this way certain of the teams were put behind.

The officials were: Referee, Cross; clerk of the court, D. J. Ricker; field judges, Dyson and Loomis; judges of the finish, Wine, Nelson and Heinrichs; announcer, Jackson; starter, Fred W. Lau; scorer, Urice.

DRY PENN ARE DEAD

[By Latest Mail]
PHILADELPHIA. — With the intercollegiate track and field championships three months away, Harvard and the University of Pennsylvania already loom up as the most likely contenders for first place in this blue ribbon event of the intercollegiate track athletic year.

The New Englanders and the Quakers fare much the same in the number of 1913 point winners lost and retained. Both universities still have as a nucleus most of the stars who represented them a year ago. Likewise both are blessed with an abundance of high-class material from last year's freshman teams. Pennsylvania was able to beat Harvard last year because in the semi-final heat of the low hurdles Jackson, of Harvard, disqualified himself for the finals by knocking over three hurdles. But for that the Crimson would probably have won by half a point. This year, in spite of the fact that most critics have been picking the Quakers to win, the Crimson is equally as well fortified for carrying off the \$1000 trophy cup.

Many Things Can Happen.
A good many things can happen in three months' time, and either Cornell or Michigan may develop enough new stars, Harvard or Pennsylvania may be hard hit by injuries or other difficulties, the small colleges may cut in heavily, or indeed any number of things may happen to upset calculations. At this writing it looks as though the fight will be more keenly fought than ever.

Victory this year means a great deal, particularly to Pennsylvania or Cornell. One of the rules governing the award of the championship trophy is that it becomes the permanent property of the college first winning it five times. The score now stands: Cornell, 4; Pennsylvania, 4; Harvard, 1. If either the Quakers or the Ithacans win it this year they become its permanent possessors. If Harvard or some other team wins then the competition must go on. That is why Pennsylvania and Cornell are striving so desperately to clinch it this year.

Fewer point winners have been lost this year than usual. Of the men who scored 142 points last year there have been graduated or lost for other causes men who score 67 points, while the 1913 point winners eligible this year represent 75 points. This means that more than half of last year's point winning strength will be fighting this year.

Quakers Well Cared For.

In the retention of last year's point winners Pennsylvania fares better than any of her rivals. The Quakers lose but one man of last year's championship team, which reduces their point winning strength from 24 to 19. Harvard loses three men who between them scored 9 points, thus reducing the "Crimson" point winning strength from 21½ points to 12½. Cornell is the heaviest sufferer of all, losing 14 of the 17½ points made last year. The following table shows how the point winning colleges of 1913 fare at the beginning of this season:

| Colleges— | Points scored. | Points lost. | Points retained. |
|--------------|----------------|--------------|------------------|
| Pennsylvania | 26 | 5 | 19 |
| Harvard | 21½ | 9 | 12½ |
| Michigan | 19 | 9 | 10 |
| Cornell | 17½ | 14 | 3½ |
| Dartmouth | 14½ | 6½ | 8 |
| Yale | 10½ | 2½ | 8 |
| California | 10 | 7 | 3 |
| Wesleyan | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| Princeton | 6 | 1 | 5 |
| Columbia | 4 | 0 | 4 |
| Brown | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| Penn State | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Syracuse | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Totals | 142 | 67 | 75 |

Games and music, followed by refreshments at a late hour, combined to make the March social event of the members of the Y. W. C. A., held last evening at the residence of Rev. and Mrs. W. D. Westervelt, Wafkiki, a pronounced success. Young people to the number of more than 100 were present, and all left with a feeling that the "Y" girls are excellent hostesses.

burg, St. Louis; Crabbe, Kamehameha. Time 25.62.

880-Yard Relay—Kamehameha first and St. Louis second. Time 1:42 25.

Class B (Under 100 pounds).

50-Yard Dash—Murakami, Kailani; Fernandez, St. Louis; Wat Chong, Iolani; Woon Yee, Iolani. Time 6 flat.

High Jump—Wai On, Iolani; Auerbach, Central Grammar; Davidson, Iolani; Watt, Punahou. Height 4 feet 7 inch.

100-Yard Dash—Ting Poy, St. Louis; Murakami, Kailani; Fernandez, St. Louis; Fujimoto, Mills. Time 11 25.

Broad Jump—Wai Chong, Iolani; Ting Poy, St. Louis; Yun, Mills; Ah Fong, Iolani. Distance 16 feet 1 inch.

220-Yard Dash—Murakami, Kailani; Fernandez, St. Louis; Ting Poy, St. Louis; Wong, Central Grammar.

400-Yard Military Relay—Iolani first and St. Louis, second.

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the keen temptations never heard a word uttered against his good faith as an athlete. He came into prominence in 1881, when, on April 20, he beat William Duddle in a 1000-yard race in 3:17, then the best on record in the world. On May 14 these two men ran again, and the result was truly monumental.

I must pause to say that in 1885 two great runners, Lang and Richards, had actually run a mile a dead heat in 4:17 1-4, and such a record by such men was deemed impregnable by the fraternity. On May 14 Duddle and Cummings stepped out for a mile at Preston, England, and after a wonderfully exciting race Cummings won by eight yards. When the time was announced it created a sensation on both sides of the Atlantic, for I remember it well. The time was 4:16 1-5, or one second ahead of the old record. When George Deserter.

When W. G. George left the amateur ranks in order to meet the great professional it was like the resignation of a general at the conclusion of a brilliant campaign. His thousand yards in 2:16 and his mile, in which he defeated Snook in 4:13 2-5, have been spoken of. He had also run two miles in 9:17 2-5—within six seconds of the best. His four-mile record, 14:33 4-5, was within four seconds of the very best, and was probably his finest performance. His five-mile record—25:07 4-5—is deserving of special mention. Apparently it does not compare with his other performances, but when it is understood that he passed the five-mile post in this time on his way to eleven miles it will be better appreciated. He covered 11 miles 932 yards within the hour, and it is interesting to note that he failed to beat "Deerfoot's" records of 11 miles 970 yards within the hour. Now "Deerfoot" was a North American Indian. On April 7, 1884, George ran 10 miles at London in 51:20, beating "Deerfoot's" record of 51:26, to the great joy of the English.

Turns Professional.
We have now brought our record up to the year 1885, when George turned professional. We have already made slight reference to his matches with Cummings, but mentioned nothing more than the mile. The two great runners arranged a series of match races, one, four and 10 miles. Before proceeding it might be interesting to say a few words about the two men personally. George was a tall, fine-looking man, fully six feet tall, of fine proportions, and with a very intelligent face. I do not remember Cummings quite so well, but he weighed 130 pounds and was of medium height and ordinary build. His face was more plebeian than George's, it was not so intelligent. Both men ran in such easy style that they might almost be said to glide.

George Forced the Pace.
On August 31 the two men met on Little Bridge grounds, London. Unfortunately rain interfered with making fast time. George forced the pace, making the quarter in 58 1-2, the half mile in 2:2, the three-quarters in 3:9 (only 2 1-2 seconds behind the record). Later on Cummings stopped and George finished in 4:20 1-5. The results of these races indicate a peculiar, but no suspicious condition of health on the part of these two runners.

The next race, four miles, took place in Scotland, September 13. Now whether the climate of London disagreed with Cummings and the climate of Scotland with George, it would be difficult to say, but the position of the two men at the close of the race was just reversed. George passed the mile in 4:53, and the two miles in 9:52. Then Cummings took command at three miles in 14:50. At three miles and a half George acknowledged his defeat and Cummings stopped.

Cummings Wins at 10 Miles.
The last race, the ten-mile, took place five days later, on September 18. This time, however, the question of climate was eliminated, for Cummings won. He seemed to be in the finest condition, but George did not, for he ran the distance in 57 seconds slower than his record. Cummings passed three miles in 15:4, five miles in 25:10, or an average of 5:2 for each mile. George never had a chance. He fell steadily behind, but Cummings, with an ambition for distinction rare in professionals, gritted his teeth and went for the record. He fell behind the best times for six, seven, eight and nine miles, and right here we have a most interesting circumstance to mention.

White Started the Race.
The race was started by Jack White. I take it that few of my readers know who Jack White was. Well, he was one of the greatest old-time professional runners. I mean old-time at the date of which I speak; for in 1863 he had run a race, the length of which I do not know, but the books say that he altered the records from three to seven miles, and that they were still at the top of the heap when the race under consideration was run in 1885. After sending them off with his blessing Jack must have watched his records with anxiety, but Cummings had nothing to drive him on. For the eighth and ninth miles he av-

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son far records. The best held was four or five a ring up 3395. Doubtless there was something wrong with the ex-amateur in 1885, and it is worth while for young athletes to notice the following: 1880 had been a good year; in 1881 he was beaten; 1882 was a good year; but in 1883 he was unmercifully beaten; 1884 was simply monumental—he swept everything before him at the championships and from the record tables. In 1885 Cummings had beaten him badly in two out of three races. Now we come to 1886.

On August 23, at London, George beat Cummings in a mile run. As I will refer to this in conclusion, let us pass on to September 11. At Preston, England, Cummings beat George in a four-mile race, the time being 20:12 3-4. Unfortunately my records prove to be inadequate and I can say nothing more than that the time averages were about 5:3 for each mile and was actually slower than corresponding times when the two champions established their 10-mile records, individually. On October 2 the two men met at Birmingham for the last time in which we are interested. It was 10 miles, and though I can give no details, the evidence would seem to indicate that George had recovered his form, for he won the race and the series, thus proving the truth of the old proverb, "He laughs best who laughs last."

But to return to the great mile run to which we have just alluded. The time of the race was 4:12 3-4, or an average of 2:6 1-2 for each half. That was 28 years ago; and there it stands, the best on record in all the world, and the oldest of all standard distances up to five miles, which was made by White. It has stood like El Capitán against the assaults of Thacker, the professional (4:15 1-5); Jones, the American amateur (4:15-5); Coaniff, the American amateur (4:15 3-5); and Plunk, the English amateur (4:16 4-5). If age is one of the virtues of wins, and gives strength to character and law, the time of this great mile race, won from the men who held the record (4:16 1-5), was the most monumental, the most enviable, ever made by man.

THREE COAST COLLEGES WANT TO PLAY BASEBALL IN HAWAII THIS SUMMER

There will be a meeting of the Oahu league this evening at 7:30 in the McCandless building, and important business is on the schedule. Probably all the team managers and league officials will answer to roll call, as the admission of two new clubs, the status of the Athletic party, less the 1914 schedule, and several other matters of vital importance are to come up for discussion and settlement.

The league will also have to make a quick decision as to bringing one of the coast college ball teams here during the summer vacation. Stanford, California and the University of Washington are all anxious to come, to judge by mainland papers, consider the trip as good as settled, and are making plans accordingly. Two of the three are due for a big job, and the sooner the decision is made at this end of the line, the less friction there will be.

MISS ELIZABETH HOBBS CAPTURES FIRST PRIZE

Miss Elizabeth Hobbs won the Punahou Preparatory declamation contest yesterday afternoon in Charles R. Bishop hall. She handled her selection, "The Negro Funeral," remarkably well, and the decision of the judges was popular. Dudley Pratt took the second prize with Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address and Miss Marian Paris received honorable mention when she recited, "Thomas de Quincey's Joan of Arc."

There were 14 competitors and as a whole their performances were very good. There were about 150 people present. Mrs. Isaac Cox, Mrs. Walter F. Franz, and Mr. Frank E. Midkiff acted as judges.

Cyrus C. Miller, the negro accused of selling liquor without a license, was surrendered by his bondsmen yesterday. He was remanded to the Oahu jail to await the April term of the federal court.

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